



# November 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 111 • Mantua, OH 44255

## In Attendance:

Dorothy Caldwell- Shalersville Township  
Bill Dick- Rapid Electric Inc.  
Michelle Barnauskas – DMRC  
Becky Newell- DMRC  
Bob MacClearie – Mantua Masons & American Legion  
Arden Sommers- Crestwood Schools  
Rick Frato- Edward Jones  
Christine Pitsinger-Community Journal  
Missy Lyle- Footprints  
Eddie Benner- DMRC  
Cheri Mikula- Mental Health Recovery Board of Portage County  
Paulette Nichols- Portage Community Bank

Joan Sweet- Middlefield Bank  
Terri Wilde- Crestwood 4C's  
Jason Lerchbacher- Comfort Cafe  
Dayton Hickerson- Grand Promotional Products  
Ron Lance- Diversified  
Hank Cabot- Western Reserve Kiwanis  
Bill Graham- Camp Asbury  
Helen Hazlett- Howard Hanna – Rotary  
Laura Landreth- DMRC  
Tom Kennedy- Marshall's Carpet Cleaning  
Gabriel Longhini Barberio- Brazil Rotary Club  
Shirley Shuster  
Conway Oliver - Budget Beds

## Meeting was called to order at 7:41 a.m. Introductions were made.

**Shalersville Township-** Dorothy Caldwell reported the township replaced 26 military markers and repaired 30 headstones, re-stripped 3 miles of road and paved 5 miles.

**Mantua Village-** No Report

**Mantua Township-** Christine Pitsinger announced Trustee Steve Oros passed away on October 18. Township trustees are in process of naming a replacement. New Trustee Jason Carlton will start Jan. 1, 2010. Thank-you to Mark Hall for his services and hope he continues his community involvement. Hillcrest, Coldbrook, Fernway and Amber have been recently paved. This project is being financed 70% by the state. Road crew is preparing for winter.

**Minutes-** Bob MacClearie motioned to approve September minutes 2nd by Becky Newell. Joan Sweet advised a few spelling errors to be corrected. Voted and passed.

**Treasurers Report-** Joan Sweet's report read: Balance from previous month: \$7,939.55; New Balance as of October 31, 2009: \$8,831.00; Savings Account (Scholarships) \$5,190.20

**Membership-** Becky Newell announced 67 paid for 2010. Window stickers for 2010 are now available.

**Scholarship Golf Outing-** We still need someone to take over the outing.

**DMRC-** Michelle Barnauskas requested Chamber produce a brochure of events for 2010 and place at Chamber office. Spring Clean up will be May 15, 2010 rain date will be May 22, 2010. I.R.S has requested the DMRC to avoid activities that can be misconstrued as supporting only businesses; they have requested the Chamber to hold the workshops. Becky Newell announced Art on the Hill will be held July 10, 2010 from 10 am – 7 pm, same location. Looking for strolling musicians, if you know anyone who would be interested please see Becky. Walking thru Mantua's Past will take place again Oct 2010. Anyone in Mantua who has an old building they would like to open up is welcome to participate.

**Giving Trees-** Joan Sweet announced trees will be out this week. Terri Wilde from 4C's stated 157 baskets will be given out to area families. Craft Show will be this Saturday Nov. 21, 2009 9-4 at the Shalersville Town Hall.

**Turkey Trot-** 8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day at Advanced Rehab. Bring canned goods to help support 4C's.

**Holiday Party-** Monday Dec. 14 6:00 pm Please bring a dish to pass. Ribs from the Comfort Café and pizza from Teresa's will be served. Event will be held at Mantua Township Civic Center.

**Rotary Update-** Helen Hazlett reported Christmas Tour went extremely well. Rotary Club meets Tuesday evenings at Hill Top Church at 6:15 pm., anyone is welcome to attend meetings.

**Santa Mini Park-** Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm Santa will arrive on a fire truck. Haylett's Foods will donate candy canes. Hot Chocolate will be served. Advertisements have gone out in Community Journal, area newsletters, TV station, and will be posted on the Lion Clubs sign.

**Other-** Hank Cabot with Western Reserve Kiwanis announced Santa will be at Hiram College upstairs in the Kennedy Center December 5<sup>th</sup> 9 am - noon.

**Guess Speaker-** Michelle Barnauskas spoke on Small Business Marketing. She discussed the importance of the "4 walls" of marketing, preparing an elevator speech, taking advantage of free marketing tools, how to improve your business, and when to market. Handouts with detailed descriptions on these and many other marketing topics were distributed, along with a Business Resource Guide.

**New Business-** Conway Oliver with Budget beds has opened a new facility on Main Street selling mattresses.

**Crestwood-** Arden Sommers announced First Community Education classes have begun with great success. At the beginning of next year they will be offering Basic Technology Classes

**Meeting was adjourned 8:47**

**Next Meeting-** Jan. 20, 2010

